

Monday, April 3, 1950

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate considered displaced-persons bill.

House passed 11 miscellaneous measures and opened debate on general appropriation bill.

Senate committees voted to disapprove Reorganization Plan No. 1, and approved various nominations and private bills.

President's reorganization plan relating to reorganizing the Department of Labor approved by House committee.

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 4572-4579

Bills Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3338 to S. 3349; and S. Res. 248. Page 4575

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

The following private bills: S. 356, H. R. 6695, 6696, S. 118, 290, 304, 381, 395, 404, 583, 764, 765, 766, 861, 891, 1143, 1214, 1419, 1452, 1491, 1506, 1551, 1561, 1573, 1672, 1693, 1753, 1802, 1856, 1869, 2108, 2265, 2714, 3012, 3090, H. R. 597, 1026, 1487, 1862, 2351, 2591, 2854, 3010, 3462, 3924, 4342, 4720, 5341, 5704, 6003, 6093, 6282, 6283, 6345, and 6656 (S. Repts. 1376-1430, respectively); and

H. Con. Res. 190, observance and celebration of one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of Patriots' Day, April 19, 1950 (S. Rept. 1431). Pages 4574-4575

Bill Placed on Calendar: H. R. 7797, to provide foreign economic assistance, was placed on calendar. Page 4576

President's Message—Agriculture: Received communication from President recommending additional farm legislation along the lines of the so-called Brannan plan—referred to Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. Pages 4571, 4607-4608

House Easter Recess: H. Con. Res. 193, authorizing recess of House from April 6 to April 18, 1950, was adopted. Pages 4570-4571

Bills Cleared for President: Senate concurred in House amendments to S. 212 and S. 2084, private bills, which clears them for the President's signature. Pages 4576-4577

Displaced Persons: Senate resumed consideration of H. R. 4567, to amend the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, increasing the number of DP's to be admitted and

defining the conditions of admission. Pending at recess was first committee amendment to H. R. 4567. Pages 4572, 4579-4597, 4602

Nominations: Senate received 14 civilian nominations including those of W. Stuart Symington, of Missouri, to be Chairman of National Security Resources Board, and Frank Pace, Jr., of Arkansas, to be Secretary of the Army, along with 2 Navy nominations. Page 4602

Committee Meetings

STOCK PILING

Committee on Armed Services: In open hearings, the subcommittee received testimony from the following witnesses on stock-piling program of strategic and critical materials, with particular reference to manganese: J. Carson Adkerson, president, American Manganese Producers Association; Stanley S. Groggins, representing Galodetz & Co.; Hewett S. West, president, Manganese, Inc.; and W. Lunsford Long, vice president and general counsel, Tungsten Mining Co. Subcommittee meets again Friday, in executive session.

REORGANIZATION PLAN NO. 1—COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee, in executive session, approved a motion to disapprove Reorganization Plan No. 1, relative to transferring duties of Comptroller of Currency to the Treasury.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Finance: Committee met in executive session to begin marking up for reporting H. R. 6000, to extend and improve the Federal old-age and survivors insurance system, and to amend the public-assistance and child-welfare provisions of the Social Security Act, but made no announcement of action taken. Committee continues tomorrow.

POINT 4 PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on Act for International Development (the proposed point 4 technical assistance bill), after receiving testimony from the following witnesses generally in support of the objectives of the legislation or with suggested amendments: Dr. Walter Van Kirk, Federal Council of Churches; Clarence Pickett, Friends Committee on National Legislation; Wallace J. Campbell, The Cooperative League of the U. S.; Michael Straight, AVC; Theodore Waller, United World Federalists; Rev. Herman Reissig, The Council for Social Action; Prof. Leo Hansberry; H. E. Ewing, Dayton, Ohio; Benjamin C. Marsh, The Peoples' Lobby; Dr. Rowland M. Cross, Foreign Missions Conference; Norman Littell; Philip Schiff, American Association of Social Workers; and Dr. A. Langston Taylor, African Aid Society.

STATE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Following an executive meeting of the subcommittee, it was announced that the subcommittee would hear Owen J. Lattimore testify on Thursday relative to alleged charges of disloyalty by Senator McCarthy. Subcommittee meets again tomorrow.

FEDERAL JUDGES AND PRIVATE BILLS

Committee on the Judiciary: In executive session, the committee voted to report favorably the nominations of six Federal judgeships, as follows: Burnita Shelton Matthews to be district judge for the District of Columbia; Allan K. Grim to be district judge for the eastern district of Pennsylvania; Charles Fahy, New Mexico, to be a judge of Court of Appeals for the D. C. Circuit; Irving R. Kaufman to be district judge for the southern district of New York; William Lee Knous to be district judge for the district of Colorado; and William E. Steckler to be district judge for the southern district of Indiana.

It also voted to report one nomination to be marshal for the southern district of New York (William A. Carroll), and one nomination for attorney for the southern district of New York (Irving H. Saypol).

The committee also voted to report favorably H. Con. Res. 190, observance and celebration of the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of Patriots' Day, April 19.

Thirty-five private immigration bills were ordered reported as follows: S. 118, 290, 304, 356, 381, 395, 861, 891, 1143, 1214, 1419, 1452, 1491, 1506, 1551, 1561, 1573, 1672, 1693, 1753, 1802, 1856, 1869, 2108, 2265, 2714, H. R. 1487, 1862, 2591, 5704, 6093, 6282, 6283, 6345, and 6656.

Twenty-one private claims bills were ordered reported as follows: S. 404, 3012, 3090, 583, 764, 765, 766, 2079, H. R. 597, 1026, 2351, 2854, 3010, 4342, 4720, 5341, 6003, 3462, 3924, 6695, and 6696.

One hundred and forty-one private immigration bills and 10 private claims bills were indefinitely postponed, along with S. Res. 170, relative to parole of William Dudley Pelley.

JUDGESHIP NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: On Saturday, April 1, nine subcommittees held routine hearings on nine nominations to be Federal judges.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Following an executive meeting, the subcommittee announced a tentative schedule for future executive meetings, and public hearings on various pending bills, with public hearings beginning on April 18 on S. 1805, cooperative medical plans, and S. 2940, national health insurance program. Executive meetings will be held on proposed report by the subcommittee relative to voluntary health plans and on S. 904, child life and development, with the first meeting being held on April 6.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Fourteen public bills, H. R. 7977-7990; two private bills, H. R. 7991 and 7992; and two resolutions, H. Res. 534 and 535, were introduced.

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President's Message—Agriculture: Heard a message from the President urging fundamental improve-

ments in agricultural legislation. The message was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and ordered printed as a House document (H. Doc. No. 540).

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Bill Rereferred: The Committee on Post Office and Civil Service was discharged from further consideration of H. R. 7913, to establish and maintain a Federal fidelity trust fund and a Federal Surety Board to operate

a procedure in lieu of surety bonds for all Federal employees who are required by law or regulation to furnish surety bonds, and the bill was then referred to the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments.

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Consent Calendar: Passed the following bills on the call of the Consent Calendar:

Sent to the Senate without amendment:

Hawaii: H. R. 176, amending Hawaiian Organic Act to provide that women may serve on juries in Territory of Hawaii.

Hawaii: H. R. 179, to provide for the appointment of the adjutant general of the Territory of Hawaii.

Security: H. R. 4386, amending the Foreign Agents Registration Act to make failure to register a continuing offense.

Hawaii: H. R. 5984, giving congressional approval to Hawaiian resolution pertaining to the granting of land patents in fee simple to certain lessees under homestead leases.

Veterans' benefits: H. R. 6561, to extend certain veterans' benefits to or on behalf of dependent husbands and widowers of female veterans.

Sent to the Senate, amended:

Army retirement: S. 2559, to extend officers' retirement benefits to certain Army enlisted men.

Camp Robinson, Ark.: H. R. 3783, authorizing transfer of part of Camp Joseph T. Robinson to State of Arkansas.

Land return: H. R. 4433, to make retrocession to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts over certain land in Shirley, Mass.

Land conveyance: H. R. 4732, to convey certain lands to the Two Rock union school district in Sonoma County, Calif., and to furnish said school district water free of charge.

Marketing of perishables: H. R. 5511, relating to practices in the marketing of perishable agricultural commodities.

Decorations: H. R. 6825, extending the time limits for the award of certain decorations.

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General Appropriations: Began consideration of H. R. 7786, making appropriations for the support of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, and debated the measure for 2½ hours.

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Forest Service: Adopted and sent to the Senate the conference report on H. R. 5839, to facilitate and simplify the work of the Forest Service.

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Rural Rehabilitation: Adopted and sent to the Senate the conference report on S. 930, to provide for the

liquidation of the trusts under the transfer agreements with State rural rehabilitation corporations.

Pages 4630-4632

Committee Meetings

ARMY REORGANIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee No. 2 held executive consideration of H. R. 5794, providing for the organization of the Army and the Department of the Army. Took no action today and adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

CANCER—BRIDGE—BOXING—DAYLIGHT SAVING

Committee on the District of Columbia: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

H. R. 6278, to make cancer and all malignant neoplastic diseases reportable to the D. C. Health Officer;

H. R. 7341, authorizing D. C. Commissioners to construct a bridge over the Anacostia River in the vicinity of East Capitol Street;

H. R. 7623, authorizing D. C. Commissioners to appoint to the District Boxing Commission a retired member of the Metropolitan Police Force; and

H. R. 7881, regulating the disposal of dead human bodies in the District of Columbia.

Action on daylight-saving legislation was postponed pending the completion of a poll of citizens being undertaken by the Commissioners.

EDUCATION AID

Committee on Education and Labor: Special Subcommittees Nos. 1 and 2 resumed executive consideration of H. R. 7940, providing financial assistance for local educational agencies in areas affected by Federal activities.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Education and Labor: Lucas Subcommittee on School Construction held further hearings on bills relating to the authorization of appropriations for grants and loans to assist States in providing adequate public-school facilities. Witnesses heard today were Dr. Fernós-Isern, Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico; Earl J. McGrath, Commissioner, and Ray L. Hamon, Chief, School Housing Section, both of the U. S. Office of Education; and A. B. Bonds, State Commission of Education, Little Rock, Ark. Hearings will be continued tomorrow.

LABOR DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Ordered reported adversely to the House H. Res.

522, rejecting Reorganization Plan No. 6 of 1950, providing for the reorganization of the Department of Labor. Michael J. Galvin, Under Secretary of Labor, testified at today's hearings, following which the committee took the above-reported action which in effect approves the President's Reorganization Plan No. 6 regarding the Department of Labor. Other witnesses today were William R. McComb, Administrator, Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Division, and Frederick J. Lawton, Assistant Director, Bureau of the Budget.

NATURAL-GAS SECURITIES

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on Petroleum and Federal Power resumed hearings on H. R. 5306, to amend the Natural Gas Act, relative to the issuance of securities by natural-gas companies. Walter R. McDonald, general solicitor, National Association of Railroad and Utilities Commissioners, Washington, D. C., testified today on this legislation. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

IMMIGRATION, MRS. ELLEN KNAUFF

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 1 approved for reporting to the full committee 11 private immigration bills. Also ordered 13 private immigration bills reported adversely.

Mrs. Ellen Knauff appeared before the subcommittee in connection with H. R. 7614, a private immigration bill introduced on her behalf. This bill was subsequently approved for reporting to the full committee.

CUSTOMS EMPLOYEES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 4 held hearings on H. R. 3714 and H. R. 7767, to provide for payment of extra compensation for work performed by Customs employees on Sundays and holidays after September 29, 1931. Representatives McKinnon and Dingell, authors of the respective bills, gave explanations of the general objectives of the proposed legislation. Other witnesses who testified were Earl A. Bushey, chairman, wage and hours committee, National Customs Service Association, Detroit, Mich.; Paul E. Howorth, attorney, Washington, D. C., representing southern California Customs employees; Charles Johnson and William W. Prescott, both representing Comptroller General, GAO; and Robert Chambers, chief counsel, Bureau of Customs.

CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: The Miller subcommittee held executive consideration of H. R. 2446, and other miscellaneous bills which would amend the Veterans' Preference Act to preserve the equities of

permanent classified U. S. civil-service employees. No announcement was made by the group regarding any action taken on this legislation.

RECLAMATION

Committee on Public Lands: Met in executive session to consider amendments to H. R. 7351, amending the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 relating to construction of new projects. Will hold further executive consideration on the same subject tomorrow.

RIVERS AND HARBORS

Committee on Public Works: Larcade subcommittee approved five rivers and harbors review resolutions for reporting to the full committee.

TAX REVISIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Resumed executive consideration of tax-revision proposals and will continue on this subject at tomorrow morning's meeting.

Joint Committee Meetings

ATOMIC ENERGY—CIVIL DEFENSE

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Committee heard the following witnesses discuss civil defense against atomic attack: Capt. C. A. Parkinson, coordinator of Civil Disaster Relief Committee, Milwaukee; Mayor Elmer G. Robinson, of San Francisco; Brig. Gen. Clyde Dougherty, coordinator of civil defense, Detroit; and Mayor Dennis Roberts, Providence, R. I.

ATOMIC ENERGY—REACTOR DEVELOPMENT

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: The following four officials of the Atomic Energy Commission appeared in executive session before the subcommittee to discuss the reactor development program: Carleton Shugg, Dr. Lawrence Hafstad, George Weil, and Capt. H. G. Rickover.

HOUSING

Conferees on S. 2246, proposing amendments to the National Housing Act affecting mortgage insurance, met in executive session to work out differences between House- and Senate-passed versions of the bill, but did not reach final agreement. They did agree on a compromise in title I, section 8, relative to maximum mortgage insurable by FHA at \$5,600 for owner occupants and \$5,000 for builders. House conferees receded from their amendment creating housing insurance fund for section 8, accepting Senate provision to begin fund with \$1,000,000 instead of \$5,000,000. They continue tomorrow.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF EIGHTY-FIRST CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the House and Senate during the session, January 3, 1950, through March 31, 1950.

The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through March 31, 1950

	Senate	House	Total
Days in session.....	61	55	..
Time in session.....	340 hrs., 03'	247 hrs., 25'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings....	2,607	2,027	4,634
Appendix.....	..	..	2,582
Public bills enacted into law..	19	12	31
Private bills enacted into law..	47	3	50
Bills in conference.....	..	..	15
Bills through conference.....	..	..	4
Measures passed, total.....	88	349	..
Senate bills.....	21	72	..
House bills.....	18	195	..
Senate joint resolutions..	3	2	..
House joint resolutions..	2	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions.....	4	13	..
House concurrent resolutions.....	2	7	..
Simple resolutions.....	38	59	97
Measures reported, total.....	*194	*375	..
Senate bills.....	81	68	..
House bills.....	60	251	..
Senate joint resolutions..	2	1	..
House joint resolutions..	2	3	..
Senate concurrent resolutions.....	7	14	..
House concurrent resolutions.....	3	6	..
Simple resolutions.....	39	32	71
Special reports.....	7	13	..
Conference reports.....	..	9	..
Reported measures not acted on.....	**184	**146	..
Measures introduced, total..	671	1,683	2,354
Bills.....	572	1,444	2,016
Joint resolutions.....	26	66	92
Concurrent resolutions..	17	44	61
Simple resolutions.....	56	29	185
Quorum calls.....	114	72	186
Yea-and-nay votes.....	55	54	109
Bills vetoed.....	..	..	0

*These figures on measures reported include all placed on calendar or acted on by Senate even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 172 reports has been filed in the Senate; a total of 397 has been filed in the House.

**This figure does not agree with the total difference between bills reported and bills passed, because resolutions and bills placed on the House Calendar without having been formally reported were not included in figures of measures reported to the House; the difference in the case of Senate figures is due to uncounted bills "laid on the table" or "indefinitely postponed." Reported measures not acted on include measures reported during first session.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FROM JANUARY 3-MARCH 31, 1950

Postmaster nominations, totaling 340, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed.....	53
Withdrawn.....	None
Rejected.....	None
Unconfirmed.....	287

Army nominations, totaling 2,187, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed.....	1,873
Withdrawn.....	None
Rejected.....	None
Unconfirmed.....	314

Air Force nominations, totaling 2,698, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed.....	2,698
Withdrawn.....	None
Rejected.....	None
Unconfirmed.....	None

Navy nominations, totaling 6,287, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed.....	5,876
Withdrawn.....	None
Rejected.....	None
Unconfirmed.....	411

Marine Corps nominations, totaling 503, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed.....	154
Withdrawn.....	None
Rejected.....	None
Unconfirmed.....	349

Civilian nominations other than postmasters, totaling 369, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed.....	268
Withdrawn.....	None
Rejected.....	None
Unconfirmed.....	101

Summary

Total nominations received.....	12,384
Total rejected.....	None
Total withdrawn.....	None
Total unconfirmed.....	1,462
Total confirmed.....	10,922